

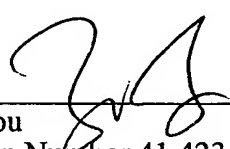
Applicant's present submission should be considered by the Examiner, as no final action or notice of allowance has yet been mailed and a check to cover the \$180 fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is included herewith 37 CFR 1.97(c).

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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